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Promoting literacy at school and in the home!



Helping your students...helping your children.

Learning at Home

As your son or daughter begins to learning English at school, it is important to continue to learn at home. There are simple things that you can do to help your child learn his or her new language.

We would like to assist you in helping your child. Two nights each week you child will be bringing home a reading book to share with you. Please try to set aside a few minutes each day for book sharing and reading.

The easy picture books are filled with color and simple words. They are easy to read and reflect the same English words your son or daughter is learning in school.

The book will be sent home in a canvas bag that also includes a small journal for writing and a camera. Please be sure to take a picture of your reading time so that your child may share in class. Also, please have your son or daughter return the book bag the next day.

Remember to talk to your child and encourage him or her to share new English words with you as well as with sisters, brothers, grandparents, and other family members. You might like to keep a list of new words so that others may also learn them.

Another great idea is to use the cards and markers that were sent home to make word cards of home objects. The word cards will help your child remember new words and

may be used later for practicing English. Here are some to begin with:

chair bed table
fork knife spoon

words for the week "school"

desk chair teacher
bus lunch library
recess reading

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Questions for Conversations:

1. What is your favorite new word?
2. Who did you play with today?
3. Where did your class go today?
4. When did you go to the library?